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### SELECTMEN AND TREASURER.

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#### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The Selectmen and Treasurer charge themselves with cash received from John

|                                    |            |
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| L. Folsom, Treasurer last year . . | \$1,529 71 |
| Joseph Garland, Collector 1871 . . | 65 95      |
| Stephen Holt, " 1872 . .           | 226 00     |

A list of taxes assessed and committed to

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Martin V. Fogg for collection . .     | 9,690 36 |
| Received of State, railroad money . . | 468 80   |
| " " savings bank tax . .              | 277 24   |
| " " literary fund . .                 | 132 02   |
| " " extra bounty . .                  | 192 00   |
| " " county . .                        | 417 90   |

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Hired of sundry persons . . . . | 10,811 37 |
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—————\$23,811 35

They credit themselves with paid State

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| Treasurer State tax . . . .                | \$2,268 00 |
| Paid County Treasurer County tax, . . .    | 1,503 12   |
| Notes and interest to sundry persons . . . | 10,763 94  |

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#### PAID FOR SCHOOLS.

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| District No. 1 . . . . . | \$256 28 |
| No. 2, . . . . .         | 106 04   |
| No. 3, . . . . .         | 119 86   |
| No. 4, . . . . .         | 148 77   |



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| District No. 5, . . . . .                      | \$194 11 |                  |
| No. 6, . . . . .                               | 150 87   |                  |
| No. 7, . . . . .                               | 169 25   |                  |
| No. 8, . . . . .                               | 307 04   |                  |
| J. A. Wiggin, school tax paid to Lee . . . . . | 4 80     |                  |
|  |          | <hr/> \$1,457 02 |

#### SELECTMEN'S SERVICES LAST YEAR.

|  |         |               |
|--|---------|---------------|
| John L. Folsom, . . . . .  | \$9 05  |               |
| Robert Pike . . . . .  | 5 50    |               |
| Caleb F. Edgerley . . . . .  | 7 50    |               |
|  |         | <hr/> \$22 05 |
| H. B. Burnham, for services as Superintending School Committee for the year ending March, 1874 . . . . . | \$40 00 |               |

Robert Pike, services as Selectman in and out of town, and Overseer of the Poor :

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|---|--------|--|
| March 12, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . . . .               | \$1 00 |  |
| 25, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business . . . . .                  | 1 00   |  |
| April 2, 2 days taking invoice . . . . .                          | 6 00   |  |
| 8, 1 day to Exeter and expenses . . . . .                         | 3 00   |  |
| 9-11 15, 3 half days at Town House . . . . .                      | 3 00   |  |
| 22-30, 2 half days on town business . . . . .                     | 2 00   |  |
| May 3, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Plumer's . . . . .                    | 1 00   |  |
| 8, delivering surveyor's warrants . . . . .                       | 3 00   |  |
| June 6, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in relation to burying ground . . . . . | 1 00   |  |
| July 21, To horse, 2 trips to Exeter . . . . .                    | 4 00   |  |
| 21, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . . . .                     | 1 00   |  |
| Aug. 25, To see William Towle . . . . .                           | 1 00   |  |
| 25, self and horse, to County Farm . . . . .                      | 1 50   |  |
| 20, To see about R. R. crossing . . . . .                         | 1 00   |  |
| 26, self and horse, to Mast road . . . . .                        | 2 00   |  |
| Sept. 2, Journey to Exeter, R. R. . . . .                         | 2 00   |  |
| 3, Carrying G. Purington to County Farm . . . . .                 | 3 00   |  |
| 4, To Dover and expenses, . . . . .                               | 3 50   |  |

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| Sept. 13, Town business, W. Towle . . .                            | \$1 00 |
| 18, carrying hands to W. Epping, . . .                             | 2 00   |
| 24, Getting affidavit about W. Towle . . .                         | 2 50   |
| 29 and Oct. 15, 1 day on Town business . . . . .                   | 1 75   |
| Oct. 23, Journey to Portsmouth on pauper account . . . . .         | 3 50   |
| 25, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on petition of new road . . . . .            | 1 00   |
| 28, Journey to J. W. Purington . . . . .                           | 1 00   |
| Nov. 1, To help move Mrs. Towle to County Farm . . . . .           | 1 50   |
| 29, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . . . .                      | 1 00   |
| Dec. 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on hearing about widening road . . . . . | 1 00   |
| 13, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . . . .                      | 1 00   |
| 18, Journey to Rum brook . . . . .                                 | 1 50   |
| 20, Journey to L. Tuttle's . . . . .                               | 1 50   |
| 20-24, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days at Town House . . . . .                 | 3 00   |
| Posting warrants . . . . .   | 1 50   |
| 27 and Jan. 10th, 2 half days at Town House . . . . .              | 2 00   |

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|---|------|
| Jan. 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business . . . . . | 1 00 |
| 26-28, To County Farm and to Rum brook . . . . .      | 2 50 |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ day settling with Daly, . . . . .       | 1 00 |
| Feb. 5, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business . . . . .  | 1 00 |
| 14-20, 2 days at Town House . . . . .                 | 4 00 |
| Posting warrants, . . . . .                           | 1 50 |
| 24, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . . . .         | 1 00 |

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 \$78 75

Caleb F. Edgerly, in and out of town, and Overseer of the Poor :

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|--|--------|
| March 12, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session . . . . . | \$1 00 |
| 29, $\frac{1}{2}$ " . . . . .                    | 1 00   |
| 29, Carrying pauper to County Farm . . . . .     | 2 00   |

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| April | 1, 2, 3, and 4,   | To self and horse, 4 days taking invoice                   | \$12 00 |
|       | 7,                | Journey to Portsmouth and expenses, . . . . .              | 3 25    |
|       | 8, 9, and 11,     | 3 half days in session                                     | 3 00    |
|       | 16,               | copying enrollment and making out pauper account . . . .   | 1 50    |
|       | 17,               | Self and horse to Exeter to get pauper account . . . . .   | 3 00    |
|       | 22,               | Self and horse on town business                            | 2 50    |
|       | 23,               | Journey to County Farm and to Exeter, . . . . .            | 3 00    |
|       | 28, $\frac{1}{2}$ | day on town business . . . .                               | 1 00    |
| May   | 3,                | 1 day filling highway Surveyor's warrants . . . . .        | 1 75    |
|       | 7,                | Distributing highway Surveyor's warrants . . . . .         | 2 00    |
| June  | 6, $\frac{1}{2}$  | day on town business . . . .                               | 1 00    |
| Aug.  | 19,               | Self and horse 1 day on pauper account . . . . .           | 3 00    |
| Sept. | 17, $\frac{1}{2}$ | day hearing on R. R. bridge .                              | 1 00    |
|       | 20,               | Journey to Exeter, self and horse                          | 2 50    |
|       | 29,               | Copying school tax . . . . .                               | 1 50    |
| Oct.  | 15,               | Attending jury meeting . . . .                             | 50      |
|       | 18, $\frac{1}{2}$ | day in session at Town House                               | 1 00    |
|       | 25,               | " " R. Pike's . . . . .                                    | 1 00    |
| Nov.  | 29, $\frac{1}{2}$ | " " Town House . . . . .                                   | 1 00    |
| Dec.  | 1, $\frac{1}{2}$  | " " R. Pike's . . . . .                                    | 1 00    |
|       | 13, $\frac{1}{2}$ | " " town . . . . .   | 1 00    |
|       | 18, $\frac{1}{2}$ | " " North river . . . . .                                  | 1 00    |
|       | 22,               | Journey to Concord to pay State tax and expenses . . . . . | 4 35    |
|       | 22,               | Check lists and paper . . . .                              | 1 15    |
|       | 24-27,            | 2 half days in session at Town House . . . . .             | 2 00    |
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| Jan.  | 10, $\frac{1}{2}$ | day in session at Town House                               | 1 00    |
|       | 23,               | Journey to Lee on town business                            | 1 50    |
|       | 28,               | Part of the day at R. Pike's                               | 75      |



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| Jan. 29, | Self and horse to Exeter to settle pauper account . . . | \$3 00        |
| 31,      | $\frac{1}{2}$ day at Town House . . .                   | 1 00          |
|          | Cash paid J. M. Godfrey, administering oath . . .       | 25            |
| Feb. 14, | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Town House . . .        | 1 00          |
| 20,      | 1 day making warrant and check list . . .               | 1 75          |
| 21,      | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Town House . . .        | 1 00          |
| 24,      | $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " . . .                               | 1 00          |
|          |   | <hr/> \$72 25 |

N. G. Plumer, services as selectman in and out of town, and Overseer of Poor :

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|------------------------|--|--------|
| March 12,              | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Town House . . .           | \$1 00 |
| 15,                    | Journey to Corner and looking up records . . .             | 1 00   |
| 22,                    | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in relation to small pox . . .           | 1 00   |
| 24,                    | $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " . . .                                  | 1 00   |
| 29,                    | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Town House . . .           | 1 00   |
| April 8, 9, 11, 15,    | 2 days " . . .   | 3 50   |
| 16,                    | $\frac{1}{2}$ day settling up small pox cases . . .        | 1 00   |
| 21, 22, 23, 24,        | $3\frac{1}{2}$ days making taxes . . .                     | 6 25   |
| 28, 29, 30, and May 1, | 3 days making taxes and filling Collector's book . . .     | 5 25   |
| May 3,                 | 1 day in session filling highway Surveyor's warrants . . . | 1 75   |
| 6,                     | delivering highway Surveyor's warrants . . .               | 2 00   |
| 7,                     | Journey to Edgerly's . . .                                 | 75     |
| June 6,                | $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session . . .                         | 1 00   |
| 9,                     | 3 days copying invoice . . .                               | 5 25   |
| July 21,               | $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business . . .                   | 1 00   |
| Aug. 8,                | Journey to Edgerly's and to W. Epping . . .                | 1 50   |
| 25,                    | Journey to W. Epping and other business . . .              | 1 25   |

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| Aug.  | 28, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business . . .                        | \$1 00 |         |
| Sept. | 2, Journey to Exeter . . . . .                                      | 2 50   |         |
|       | 3, Journey to Dover and expenses . . .                              | 3 50   |         |
|       | 5 Journey to North River bridge . . .                               | 1 25   |         |
|       | 8, Journey to Corner and to<br>Edgerly's . . . . .                  | 1 00   |         |
|       | 11, Journey to Exeter in relation to<br>J. J. Lane case . . . . .   | 2 50   |         |
|       | 15, Journey to W. Epping . . . . .                                  | 1 00   |         |
|       | 17, Journey to Edgerly's and hear-<br>ing on bridge . . . . .       | 1 25   |         |
|       | 18, Journey to Exeter on town busi-<br>ness . . . . .               | 2 50   |         |
|       | 20, Journey to Edgerly's . . . . .                                  | 75     |         |
|       | 27, Making out school taxes . . . . .                               | 1 75   |         |
|       |   |        | <hr/>   |
|       |   |        | \$54 50 |
| Sept. | 30, Journey to see County Commis-<br>sioner . . . . .               | \$0 75 |         |
| Oct.  | 1, Journey to Edgerly's . . . . .                                   | 75     |         |
|       | 6, $\frac{1}{2}$ day on town business . . . . .                     | 1 00   |         |
|       | 18, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session . . . . .                          | 1 00   |         |
|       | 21, Making out county account . . . .                               | 50     |         |
|       | 25, Journey to Edgerly's, and in<br>session at Pike's . . . . .     | 1 25   |         |
|       | 28, Journey to West Epping, on<br>pauper account . . . . .          | 1 00   |         |
| Nov.  | 1, Carrying Mrs. Towle to County<br>Farm . . . . .                  | 2 00   |         |
|       | 11, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Pike's . . . .                  | 1 00   |         |
|       | 29, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Town House .                    | 1 00   |         |
| Dec.  | 3, Writing and posting warrant for<br>town meeting . . . . .        | 1 00   |         |
|       | 13, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Town House .                    | 1 00   |         |
|       | 18, Meeting at Rum Brook and<br>journey to Miss Sanborn's . . . . . | 1 50   |         |
|       | 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ day in session at Town House .                    | 1 00   |         |
|       | 22, Paid car-fare of pauper . . . . .                               | 55     |         |
|       | 24, Journey to Rum Brook and in<br>session at Town House . . . . .  | 1 50   |         |

Dec. 27,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in session at Town House \$1 00

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Jan. 10,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in session at Town House 1 00

12, Journey to Edgerly's . . . 75

20, Making out pauper account at  
Pike's . . . . . 50

26, Journey on town business . . . 75

28, Journey to Edgerly's and meet-  
ing at Pike's . . . . . 1 25

31,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in session . . . . . 1 00

Feb. 5, Getting evidence in J. J. Lane's  
case . . . . . 75

14,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in session at Town House 1 00

21,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in session at Town House 1 00

24,  $\frac{1}{2}$  day in session at Town House 1 00

Letter stamps and stationery 1 50

— \$82 80

#### SMALL POX EXPENSES.

Catherine Lally, nurse for Mrs. Osgood . \$40 00

Asa Miller, " " . 115 00

John S. Osgood, clothing and property de-  
stroyed . . . . . 130 75

F. E. Bean and E. Meader, ditto, . . 154 25

E. C. Johnson, nurse, . . . . . 100 00

Samuel R. Gotham, digging grave, and shovel 11 50

Wm. Bourk, destroying clothing . . . 4 00

H. B. Burnham, medical attendance and vac-  
inating . . . . . 194 25

Wm. R. Bunker, paper for rooms . . . 6 93

G. Ramsbottom, wood . . . . . 4 22

J. H. Pike & Co., supplies . . . . . 73 32

R. Pike, supplies and services . . . 23 84

Hannah B. Chapman, nurse . . . . 70 00

G. Smith, meats, and use of horse . . 19 03

C. F. Edgerly, services . . . . . 8 72

C. H. Miles, milk . . . . . 1 44



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| N. Batchelder, medical attendance and vac-  |                 |
| inating . . . . .                           | \$215 72        |
| F. Ham . . . . .                            | 26 00           |
| B. W. Hoyt & Co., 2 cases shoes destroyed . | 30 00           |
| Norris & Pearson, soap, . . . . .           | 1 00            |
| W. H. Stickney, brimstone . . . . .         | 1 20            |
| Levi Thompson, wood . . . . .               | 88              |
|   | —————\$1,232 05 |

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| S. P. Ladd, breaking roads . . . . .         | \$4 00 |
| E. F. Barber, labor on highway . . . . .     | 11 02  |
| W. C. Randall, " " " . . . . .               | 14 65  |
| G. B. Brown, " " " . . . . .                 | 1 00   |
| G. Ramsbottom, non-resident . . . . .        | 50     |
| D. Sanborn, labor on bridge . . . . .        | 1 50   |
| A. Floyd, " " highway . . . . .              | 1 12   |
| G. H. Floyd, " " " . . . . .                 | 2 25   |
| E. F. Barber, " " " . . . . .                | 5 06   |
| A. N. Witham " " " . . . . .                 | 1 50   |
| E. K. Jenness " " " . . . . .                | 4 85   |
| L. Towle, breaking roads . . . . .           | 4 00   |
| J. Wiggin, work on bridge . . . . .          | 3 73   |
| C. H. Harvey, bridge plank . . . . .         | 67 42  |
| W. H. Jones, labor on bridge . . . . .       | 2 00   |
| C. S. Burnham, breaking roads . . . . .      | 9 75   |
| J. F. Davis, labor on bridge . . . . .       | 3 50   |
| J. Breck, 3 road scrapers . . . . .          | 29 70  |
| R. Pike, labor and plank . . . . .           | 121 28 |
| S. Cilley, " " " . . . . .                   | 13 82  |
| Parker Bros., plank for sidewalk . . . . .   | 68 24  |
| J. Lock, labor on Boar's-head hill . . . . . | 18 00  |
| A. J. Reynolds, labor on highway . . . . .   | 3 75   |
| L. W. Clifford, " " " . . . . .              | 6 50   |
| C. A. Miles, plank for sidewalk . . . . .    | 31 42  |
| J. Wiggin, labor on bridge . . . . .         | 3 25   |
| G. A. Gormon, labor on bridge . . . . .      | 2 75   |
| G. Hopkinson, breaking roads . . . . .       | 75     |
| D. Edgerly, labor on roads . . . . .         | 52 25  |

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| G. W. Ordway, labor on roads . . .           | \$28 00 |
| W. Durgin, " " " . . .                       | 6 50    |
| B. H. Perkins, " " " . . .                   | 2 40    |
| S. J. Rollins, " " " . . .                   | 3 36    |
| Wm. Rollins (heirs) non-resident labor . . . | 91      |
| J. McNeal . . . . .                          | 6 00    |
| J. L. Martin . . . . .                       | 2 00    |
| S. J. Rollins . . . . .                      | 1 50    |
| Levi Brown, non-resident labor . . .         | 2 19    |
| J. C. Prescott, " " . . .                    | 62      |
| P. B. Corson, " " . . .                      | 73      |
| R. M. Burley, " " . . .                      | 4 74    |
| R. Pike, labor, plank and gravel . . .       | 73 45   |
| G. H. Perkins, labor on highway . . .        | 4 00    |
| C. Norris, " " " . . .                       | 20 77   |
| S. G. Sleeper, non resident labor . . .      | 4 38    |
| G. Sleeper (heirs) " " . . .                 | 1 09    |
| C. Leddy, labor on highway . . .             | 3 85    |
| W. H. Tilton, labor on highway . . .         | 3 45    |
| S. Fielding, non-resident labor . . .        | 2 92    |
| J. S. Hook, labor on highway . . .           | 1 87    |
| J. H. Tilton, " " " and breaking . . .       | 14 20   |
| D. L. Harvey " " " " " . . .                 | 7 00    |
| N. G. Bennett " " " . . .                    | 5 62    |
| T. Johnson, " " " . . .                      | 8 41    |
| R. B. Dame, " " " . . .                      | 4 90    |
| D. D. Perkins, non-resident labor . . .      | 1 82    |
| J. Burley, " " . . .                         | 1 82    |
| P. Connor, " " . . .                         | 1 09    |
| N. Perkins, labor on roads . . .             | 1 00    |
| G. C. Jones, " " bridge . . .                | 1 00    |
| J. Edgerly, breaking roads . . .             | 2 25    |
| A. T. Rundlett " " and gravel . . .          | 1 90    |
| A. Plumer, " " . . .                         | 4 20    |
| J. H. Bly " " and gravel . . .               | 12 27   |
| J. H. Holt " " . . .                         | 2 25    |
| M. V. Fogg " " . . .                         | 7 71    |
| J. H. Boody " " . . .                        | 8 00    |
| S. R. Gotham, labor on roads . . .           | 18 80   |

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| B. Daley, widening road at Rum brook .                        | \$270 00 |
| N. Blake, breaking roads . . . . .                            | 3 50     |
| T. Hopkinson, plank and labor on roads .                      | 21 95    |
| A. Floyd, breaking roads . . . . .                            | 1 93     |
| J. Colby, labor on roads . . . . .                            | 4 02     |
| G. R. Stevens, labor on roads . . . . .                       | 14 62    |
| A. W. Lock, " " " . . . . .                                   | 65       |
| H. S. Leach, " " " . . . . .                                  | 1 12     |
| J. Clough, " " " . . . . .                                    | 5 42     |
| G. O. Sanborn, " " " and damage<br>to plow . . . . .          | 3 00     |
| H. Leach, labor on roads . . . . .                            | 5 38     |
| C. N. Coffin " " " . . . . .                                  | 6 15     |
| D. Kennard " " " . . . . .                                    | 14 85    |
| F. Harvey (heirs) non-resident labor .                        | 5 65     |
| J. Sanborn, labor and breaking roads .                        | 30 80    |
| W. H. Ellison, labor and breaking roads .                     | 1 25     |
| Mary Pike, labor and gravel . . . . .                         | 14 95    |
| J. Sinclair, labor on road . . . . .                          | 1 88     |
| L. Thompson, labor on road and gravel .                       | 7 75     |
| G. W. Swain, " " " . . . . .                                  | 5 41     |
| J. H. Pike, gravel . . . . .                                  | 9 70     |
| T. W. Davis, labor on road . . . . .                          | 7 20     |
| G. Dalton, " " " . . . . .                                    | 8 25     |
| A. D. Brown, " " " . . . . .                                  | 1 50     |
| O. H. Bickford " " " . . . . .                                | 5 99     |
| J. L. Folsom, " " " plank and<br>stone . . . . .              | 16 64    |
| H. G. Sanborn, breaking roads and gravel .                    | 10 75    |
| L. Towle, plank for bridges . . . . .                         | 86 70    |
| J. H. Taylor, non-resident labor . . . . .                    | 3 65     |
| N. Goldsmith, labor on road . . . . .                         | 7 06     |
| R. Smith (heirs) non-resident labor . .                       | 10 40    |
| C. P. Blake, bridge plank and labor on<br>Hook hill . . . . . | 70 82    |
| B. S. Clifford, labor on road . . . . .                       | 5 53     |
| N. Burnham, " " " . . . . .                                   | 1 12     |
| A. Lock, " " " . . . . .                                      | 75       |



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| D. Dow, " " " stone and<br>stringers for bridge . . . . .   | \$34 00          |
| J. G. Ordway, labor on road . . . . .                       | 8 15             |
| J. A. Wiggin, breaking roads . . . . .                      | 8 63             |
| D. F. Bartlett, " " and plank . . . . .                     | 15 05            |
| J. Pike, non-resident labor . . . . .                       | 91               |
| C. F. Edgerly, stringers for bridge, and<br>labor . . . . . | 24 95            |
| J. P. Sanborn, gravel . . . . .                             | 1 50             |
| A. Miller, breaking roads . . . . .                         | 3 72             |
| D. B. Ladd, labor on bridge . . . . .                       | 1 00             |
| C. H. Allen, labor on roads . . . . .                       | 2 25             |
| G. S. Rundlett, labor on roads and on<br>bridge . . . . .   | 35 37            |
| W. G. Hook, labor on roads . . . . .                        | 3 00             |
| J. Garland, breaking roads . . . . .                        | 7 06             |
| P. Ladd, " " . . . . .                                      | 2 66             |
| J. Page, labor on roads . . . . .                           | 2 00             |
| W. Durant, labor on roads . . . . .                         | 1 87             |
| E. True, " " " . . . . .                                    | 1 50             |
|   | <hr/> \$1,587 61 |

## SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT OF POOR.

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| J. L. True, supplies for J. W. Purington . . . . .                   | \$12 50 |
| Selectmen of Exeter, board of H. G. O.<br>Rundlett, Exeter . . . . . | 7 00    |
| Dr. Bartlett, medical attendance . . . . .                           | 17 00   |
| J. Witham, nursing Mrs. William Towle . . . . .                      | 5 00    |
| J. H. Pike & Co., supplies for Purington<br>and Towle . . . . .      | 95 30   |
| J. Leddy, supplies for Mrs. Tilton . . . . .                         | 15 82   |
| R. Pike, keeping paupers . . . . .                                   | 19 95   |
| J. S. Boody, keeping paupers . . . . .                               | 2 00    |
| H. B. Burnham, medical attendance . . . . .                          | 19 00   |
| A. C. Durant, nursing Estelle Sanborn . . . . .                      | 2 00    |
| A. S. Norris " " " . . . . .   | 4 00    |
| A. C. Smith, board of " " . . . . .                                  | 5 00    |
| W. R. Bunker, supplies for Mrs. Tilton . . . . .                     | 34 48   |
| N. Batchelder, medical attendance . . . . .                          | 1 25    |

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| L. Towle, keeping pauper . . . . .                          | \$2 00 |          |
| F. Ham, coffin for child . . . . .                          | 3 50   |          |
| J. H. Pike & Co., supplies for J. W.<br>Purington . . . . . | 45 00  |          |
|   | <hr/>  | \$290 80 |

#### MISCELLANEOUS. BILLS.

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| A. W. Davis, damage to sheep by dogs . . . . .                                   | \$7 73 |  |
| S. Plumer (heirs)       "       " . . . . .                                      | 25 80  |  |
| J. C. Burley       "       " . . . . .   | 32 03  |  |
| E. K. Jenness       "       " . . . . .  | 3 44   |  |
| Campbell & Hanscom, printing town<br>reports . . . . .                           | 48 00  |  |
| Stephen Holt, return of non-resident taxes<br>from Treasurer . . . . .           | 4 00   |  |
| H. B. Burnham, services as Auditor . . . . .                                     | 2 00   |  |
| J. B. Robinson, damage to horse and car-<br>riage by defect in highway . . . . . | 100 00 |  |
| J. Leddy, spikes and nails . . . . .   | 7 22   |  |
| N. Batchelder, damage to horse on high-<br>way . . . . .                         | 20 00  |  |
| D. C. Bartlett, services as constable . . . . .                                  | 3 00   |  |
| J. F. Gear,       "       " . . . . .  | 3 00   |  |
| G. W. Ordway, setting glass in Town<br>House . . . . .                           | 8 35   |  |
| Wm. R. Bunker, use of hall for trial, and<br>broom . . . . .                     | 6 58   |  |
| J. D. Edgerly damage for defective high-<br>way . . . . .                        | 25 00  |  |
| J. M. Godfrey, affidavit and serving no-<br>tice . . . . .                       | 3 49   |  |
| J. P. Chase, shingling house of Mrs.<br>Tilton . . . . .                         | 28 50  |  |
| J. S. Hook, care of Town House . . . . .   | 10 50  |  |
| G. L. Wentworth, surveying filling at<br>Rum brook . . . . .                     | 3 00   |  |
| M. V. Fogg, services as Collector of taxes                                       | 100 00 |  |

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| N. G. Plumer, services as Treasurer . . .                    | \$35 00  |             |
| E. F. Barber, damage to wagon by defective highway . . . . . | 2 00     |             |
| G. E. Lane, books and stationery . . .                       | 8 58     |             |
| B. W. Sanborn, books and stationery . .                      | 6 25     |             |
| W. H. Stickney, services as Town Clerk . . .                 | 35 00    |             |
|  | —————    | \$528 47    |
| Sundry abatements for the year 1871 . .                      | \$12 63  |             |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1872 . . .   | 26 95    |             |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1873 . . .   | 112 14   |             |
|  | —————    | \$151 72    |
| Cash in hands of J. Garland, Collector 1871 . .              | \$16 26  |             |
| “ “ M. V. Fogg, “ “ 1873 . . .                               | 900 00   |             |
| “ “ N. G. Plumer, Treasurer . . .                            | 2,816 51 |             |
|  | —————    | \$23,811 35 |

Epping, N. H., Feb. 27th, 1874.

ROBERT PIKE,  
CALEB F. EDGERLY,  
NATHANIEL G. PLUMER,  
*Selectmen of Epping.*

#### AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correctly cast, with proper vouchers

The indebtedness of the town is as follows :

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Notes held against the town . . . . .       | \$27,757 75 |             |
| Interest on the same . . . . .              | 1,664 04    |             |
|   | —————       | \$29,421 79 |
| In hands of J. Garland, Col. for 1871 . . . | \$16 26     |             |
| In hands of M. O. Fogg, Col. for 1873 . . . | 900 00      |             |
| In hands of N. G. Plumer, Treasurer . . .   | 2,816 51    |             |
| Lumber and bridge stringers . . . . .       | 160 00      |             |
|   | —————       | \$3,892 77  |
|   | —————       |             |
| Total indebtedness . . . . .                |             | \$25,529 02 |

Epping, N. H., Feb. 27, 1874.

H. B. BURNHAM,  
T. C. FOLSOM,  
*Auditors.*



# REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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An article has been inserted in the warrant for our annual town meeting by request of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the purpose of accepting the act of our legislature, approved July 2d, 1870, and styled "An act enabling towns to abolish school districts in certain cases." That you may understand the provisions of this act, and be able to act intelligently on the question, it will be published with this report, together with a summary of the advantages to be derived from its acceptance as set forth in the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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## CHAPTER VIII.

### AN ACT ENABLING TOWNS TO ABOLISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CERTAIN CASES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :*

SECTION 1. Any town may at any time abolish the school districts therein, and shall thereupon forthwith take possession of all the school-houses, land, apparatus, and other property owned and used for school purposes, which such districts might lawfully sell or convey. The property so taken shall be appraised under direction of the town, and at the next annual assessment thereafter a tax shall be levied upon the whole town equal to the amount of the whole appraisal, and then shall be remitted to the tax-payers of each district the said appraised value of its property then taken; or the difference in the value of the property of the several districts may be adjusted in any other manner agreed upon by the parties in interest.

SEC. 2. When any town which has been divided into school districts shall have abolished them, the said town shall then be considered as one district, and shall have all the powers and liabilities of the same.

SEC. 3. Such towns shall, at their annual town-meeting in March, elect a board of education, consisting of not less than three persons, who shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of superintending and prudential committees of towns.

SEC. 4. Should any town neglect to choose such "board of education," the selectmen shall, on or before the twentieth day of April ensuing, appoint them.

SEC. 5. The corporate powers and liabilities of any school district shall continue and remain for the purpose of receiving and disposing of the money paid for its property by the town, paying its debts, concluding any suit at law, or in equity, in which such district may be a party, collecting any debts due such district, and disposing of the proceeds thereof, and holding and enjoying the income of any money or property held in trust by virtue of any gift, devise or bequest, for the benefit of such district, for the same purpose and in the same manner as before, according to the terms thereof.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect and be in force only in such towns as, by vote at a legal meeting, shall adopt its provisions.

SEC. 7. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved July 2, 1870.

#### Advantages of adopting this act :

1. It would secure just as many schools as the necessities of communities demand, located and adapted to the wants of pupils, each school being an integral part of the entire organization.

2. It would furnish uniform and equal school advantages to every resident.

3. The pupils could attend school when their interests would be best answered, with no restraints save what general interests might require.

4. It would prevent numerous difficulties and strifes about school district limits, and tend to diminish neighborhood quarrels.

5. It would lessen the aggregate expenses for schools.

6. It would secure a more effective system of school inspection and supervision.

7. It would secure permanency of the advantages of supervision.

8. It would secure a better class of teachers, and render competitive examinations possible.

9. It would secure permanency of teachers.

10. It would secure uniformity of text-books, and more uniform methods of teaching.

11. It would secure the establishment of a course of study, and tend to keep pupils longer in school.

12. It would furnish the department of education more reliable statistics.

13. It would embrace a larger aggregate of interest on the part of the community in each school.

The town system is now generally adopted by the larger towns in Massachusetts, and nearly all the best educators of our country favor it. Our best teachers and superintendents are nearly unanimous in its favor, and wherever it has been tried in this State, it has given entire satisfaction to the friends of education.

The whole amount raised by the town for

|                                      |   |        |                  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------|------------------|
| the support of schools was           | . | .      | \$1,318 00       |
| To which was added the literary fund | . | 132 02 |                  |
| Fogg donation                        | . | 6 00   |                  |
|                                      |   |        | <hr/> \$1,456 02 |

Which was divided as follows:

|                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |          |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| District No. 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | \$256 28 |
| No. 2          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 106 04   |
| No. 3          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 119 86   |
| No. 4          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 148 77   |
| No. 5          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 194 11   |
| No. 6          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 150 87   |
| No. 7          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 169 25   |
| No. 8          | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 307 04   |

Fogg donation was given this year to District No. 4. The school tax of J. A. Wiggin was paid in Lee.



## DISTRICT No. 1.

John Neal, Prudential Committee. There were two terms in this district. The committee was very fortunate in securing the services of a first-class teacher. Under the management of Miss Thompson the school room was comparatively quiet, and the scholars made good progress in their respective studies. The average attendance is not so large as it should be. Many parents complain that our schools are not long enough—why not send their children regularly while there is a school?

## DISTRICT No. 2.

William Hodgdon, Prudential Committee. There were two terms in this district. The first was taught by Miss Ladd, a very good scholar. The proficiency made was very fair; a little more energy and enthusiasm would have made it better. The second term was taught by Miss Simpson, an instructress of considerable experience and of good reputation. The improvement of her scholars was very good, excepting in arithmetic—in this branch they were superficial.

## DISTRICT No. 3.

George K. Perkins, Prudential Committee. The first term was taught by Miss Lang, who had had some experience in teaching. There are but a few scholars in this district, and most of them are quite small. They have had some very fine teachers for several years past, consequently they are well advanced. My impression was that they were not quite up to their former standard. The second term was taught by Miss Chase, who when a pupil in our schools was always prompt at the school room, and well prepared at the hour of recitation. At the commencement of the term the best of order prevailed, and her instruction was thorough; at the close, business engagements prevented my attendance, but I have no doubt the progress made was satisfactory.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

William H. Dow, Prudential Committee. Both terms in this district were taught by Miss Sarah P. Ladd. This was her first

experience in teaching ; she went about her work in earnest, and soon awakened an interest and enthusiasm among her scholars rarely equaled. Her instruction was very thorough ; nothing but hard, constant and unremitting labor could have prepared her school for the examination it passed ; each one appeared to be familiar with all they had gone over.

#### DISTRICT No. 5.

Charles N. Coffin, Prudential Committee. Mr. Norris taught the first term. His method of conducting a recitation is such that the dullest student must learn something ; there is no useless noise, no idleness nor confusion in his school room ; everything moves on in an orderly and systematic manner. The committee acted wisely in employing a first-class teacher ; a short, good school is far better than a poor, long one. The second term was under the instruction of Mr. Taylor. This was his first experience in teaching ; his scholars made a very fair progress. The attendance of the pupils in this district was not so regular as it ought to have been, especially during the last or second term. The whole number of different scholars was forty-five ; the average attendance was a little over twenty-eight. Comment is unnecessary. If parents have common sense, it is enough to call their attention to this matter. A female teacher of energy and decision ought to be able to govern this school during the Summer term. A male should be employed the second or winter term.

#### DISTRICT No. 6.

George Floyd, Prudential Committee. Both terms were taught by Miss Churchill, and with her usual good success. The pupils of this district are still entitled to the reputation of being the best in town. The whole number of different scholars is reported at twenty-one, and the average attendance eighteen. Their conduct in and about the school room is above reproach, and they are well advanced in their various studies.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

Jacob E. Prescott, Prudential Committee. There were two terms ; the first was commenced by the late Sarah E. Chase, who

had formerly taught several terms in this, her native town, and had won an enviable reputation as an energetic, thorough, and conscientious instructress; her health failing, the term was finished by Miss Hattie Chase in a very creditable and acceptable manner.

The second term was taught by Miss Harriman, who has the reputation of being a very fine teacher. During the two visits made by me the pupils appeared to be doing well. The term closing rather suddenly on account of illness, there was no opportunity for an examination. My impression is, a male had better be employed the second or winter term.

#### DISTRICT No. 8.

Charles H. Norris, Prudential Committee. There were three terms in this district; two kept by Miss Dennis, and one by Mr. George Libbey. Miss D. is a very good scholar, and did her best to keep a good school. The scholars made very good progress in some branches; in others they were somewhat superficial. The attendance of some of the pupils was very irregular; it is impossible to have a good school if a part of the pupils are away.

Mr. L. has all the qualifications requisite for a successful teacher. His instruction was very thorough; if his pupils did not learn, it was not his fault. The progress made in the various branches taught was good, especially in arithmetic and grammar. Two or three years has wrought a great change in this district. The pupils are orderly, studious, and many of them are not surpassed by any in town. Our most advanced scholars are at present found in this district.

During the past year our schools have been as prosperous as usual. Some of our prudential committees have exhibited a commendable prudence and discretion in the selection and employment of teachers, and we have had, consequently, some very good schools, while others have been not quite so successful. The attendance of scholars has been, as formerly, very fair in a few districts, while in most they have been very inconstant and irregular. Parents have been urged, and teachers requested, to use their influence to induce a regular attendance. When one is absent he falls behind his class, loses his interest in his studies, soon becomes an impediment to the remainder of the class, interferes and obstructs their progress, and often the whole school suffers in



consequence of such absence. Our schools are comparatively short, and why is it that parents permit their children to stay away? What excuse have they to offer for this great wrong to their own children and injury to their neighbors? Do you intend that they shall acquire habits which will make them faithless to the duties and requirements of business in after life? If not, you will see to it that they are punctual to all the duties and obligations of the school-room. The men and women who are to form the community a few years hence are now in our schools, and it is of the utmost consequence that they form correct habits.

A notice of the Act of our Legislature, passed in 1871, and entitled: "An Act to compel children to attend school," was posted in accordance with the provisions of said Act, in all our school districts, and so far as my knowledge extends, there has been no violation of this law. If there has, upon due notice a suit will be commenced against the offending party or parties.

All of our teachers whose qualifications were not previously known, were subjected to a rigid examination by written questions. Two applicants were rejected, one for District No. 2 and the other for District No. 3. I would recommend to prudential committees the employment of those who have attended teachers' institutes, or the State Normal School, in preference to others.

Under the present district system, the office of Prudential Committee is an important one, and no man should be elected to it who is not interested enough in the school to discharge his duties in a manner which will promote the best interests of the district. The practice so much in vogue in some districts of taking turns, is wrong, and of electing men who are bound to employ some relative or personal friend, or worse still, some one who will be willing to board with them, let the distance from the school room be what it may. Before employing any one, careful inquiry should be made of those who are competent to give an opinion, as to the qualifications of the applicant, his or her aptitude for governing and teaching a school. Always employ the best, never get a second-rate teacher because they can be had cheaper.

For the past fifteen years nearly all the superintending school committees of this town have urged upon the voters of Districts Nos. 1 and 8 the advantages of uniting these districts and forming graded schools. Six years ago, by my request, an article was

inserted in their respective school warrants to see if such union could not be consummated ; it was not done. These districts the past year have raised nearly six hundred dollars, an amount sufficient to sustain two good schools of three terms each, and if properly graded, which could easily be done without any additional expenditure, their efficiency would be increased from sixty to eighty per cent.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

| DISTRICTS. | TERMS.  | TEACHERS.              | Length of school in weeks. | Whole number of scholars. | Average attendance | Instances of tardiness. | Instances of dismissal. | Not absent half day. | No. visits Supt. Com. | No. visits Prud. Com. | Number of visits of others. | Wages per month including board. |
|------------|---------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| No. 1      | First.  | Ellen F. Thompson..... | 12                         | 51                        | 43                 | 18                      | 4                       | 17                   | 4                     | ..                    | 18                          | \$34 00                          |
|            | Second. | Ellen F. Thompson..... | 13                         | 47                        | 38                 | 27                      | 2                       | 10                   | 2                     | ..                    | 24                          | 40 00                            |
| No. 2      | First.  | Sylvia W. Ladd.....    | 8                          | 9                         | 7                  | ....                    | 2                       | 3                    | 1                     | ..                    | 12                          | 20 00                            |
|            | Second. | Mary G. Simpson.....   | 12                         | 13                        | 10                 | ....                    | 4                       | 2                    | 2                     | ..                    | 1                           | 24 00                            |
| No. 3      | First.  | Louise M. Lang.....    | 8                          | 6                         | 5                  | 1                       | ..                      | 4                    | 2                     | ..                    | 7                           | 26 00                            |
|            | Second. | Hattie Chase.....      | 10                         | 7                         | 6                  | 2                       | 2                       | 3                    | 1                     | ..                    | 11                          | 26 00                            |
| No. 4      | First.  | Sarah P. Ladd.....     | 8                          | 12                        | 11                 | 6                       | 2                       | 5                    | 1                     | 1                     | 18                          | 32 00                            |
|            | Second. | Sarah P. Ladd.....     | 11                         | 14                        | 13                 | 4                       | 1                       | 7                    | 2                     | 1                     | 41                          | 32 00                            |
| No. 5      | First.  | H. F. Norris.....      | 7                          | 48                        | 40                 | 5                       | 1                       | 13                   | 3                     | ..                    | 11                          | 53 00                            |
|            | Second. | S. Taylor.....         | 7                          | 45                        | 28                 | 34                      | 26                      | 8                    | 3                     | 1                     | ....                        | 50 00                            |
| No. 6      | First.  | C. A. Churchill.....   | 7                          | 21                        | 18                 | 2                       | 2                       | 3                    | 2                     | 2                     | 1                           | 30 00                            |
|            | Second. | C. A. Churchill.....   | 14                         | 20                        | 17                 | 17                      | 2                       | 3                    | 1                     | ..                    | 17                          | 30 00                            |
| No. 7      | First.  | Sarah E. Chase.....    | 8                          | 51                        | 43                 | 7                       | 12                      | 20                   | 2                     | ..                    | 8                           | 28 00                            |
|            | Second. | Luvan A. Harriman..... | 11                         | 51                        | 38                 | 177                     | 33                      | 10                   | 2                     | ..                    | 9                           | 32 00                            |
| No. 8      | First.  | Abbie Dennis .....     | 9                          | 51                        | 37                 | 133                     | 11                      | 2                    | 3                     | ..                    | 13                          | 34 00                            |
|            | Second. | Abbie Dennis.....      | 8                          | 42                        | 34                 | 7                       | ..                      | 3                    | 3                     | ..                    | 9                           | 34 00                            |
|            | Third.  | George W. Libbey.....  | 13                         | 49                        | 39                 | 34                      | 20                      | 2                    | 4                     | ..                    | 10                          | 50 00                            |

H. B. BURNHAM,  
S. S. Committee.

Epping, Feb. 27, 1874.







